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# THE TRIVMPHS OF

Honor *and* Vertue.

A Noble Solemnitie, performed through the  
City, at the sole Cost and Charges of the Honorable  
Fraternitie of Grocers, at the Confirmation and  
Establishment of their most worthy Brother, the Right  
Honorable PETER PROBY, in the high Of-  
fice of his Maiesties Lieutenant, Lord  
Maior and Chancellor of the famous  
City of London.

Taking beginning at his Lordships going, and perfecting  
it selfe after His retorne from receiuing the Oath of  
Maioralty at Westminster, on the Morrow after  
Simon and Iudey Day, being the 29. of  
October, 1622.

By THO. MIDDLETON Gent.

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The Honor of him, to whom the Noble  
*Fraternitie of Grocers, his Worthy Bro-*  
*thers, haue Dedicated their Loues, in costly*  
Triumphs; the Right Honorable, PETER  
PROBY, Lord *Mayor* of this  
Renowned City.

**T**O be His Seruant, that hath seru'd  
Two Royall Princes, and deseru'd  
So Worthily of Both; the Same  
Call not Seruice, rather Fame.

At your Lordships Command:

Tho. Middleton.



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Forreine Nations haue beene strucke with Admiration at the Forme, State, and Splendor of some yeerly Triumphs, wherein Arte hath beene but faintly imitated: There is faire hope that things where Invention flourishes, cleere Art and her gracefull Proprieties, should receiue fauor and encouragement from the content of the Spectator, which next to the seruice of his Honor and honorable Societic, is the principall reward it lookes for; then not despairing of that common fauour, this takes delight to present it selfe.

And first, to beginne with the worthy loue of his Noble Fraternity, after his Honors returne from *Westminster*, hauing receiued some seruice vpon the Water, by the conduct of two Artfull



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Triumphs. *Viz.* The *Throne of Vertue*, and the *Continent of India*; which also by Land attends his Lordships most wished arriuall, accompanied with the whole body of the Triumph, which neere vpon the time of his Honors approach are decently and distinctly placed; the first, bearing the Title of the *Continent of India*: A triumph replenished with all manner of Spice-plants, and trees bearing Odour, attends his Honors arriuall in *Paules Church-yard*; A blacke Personage representing *India*, call'd for her odours and riches, the *Queene of Merchandize*, challinging the most eminent Seate, aduanceth her selfe vpon a bed of Spices, attended by *Indians* in Antique habits: *Commerce*, *Aduenture* and *Traffique*, three habited like Merchants, presenting to her view a bright Figure, bearing the inscription of *Knowledge*, a Sunne appearing aboue the trees in brightest splendor and glory: The blacke *Queene* before mentioned, lending a voyce to these following words:

### *The Speech.*

**Y**ou that haue eyes of Iudgement, and discern  
Things that the best of Man and Life concerne,  
Draw neere, this blacke is but my native dye,  
But view me with an Intellectuall eye,



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*As Wise men shoot their beames forth, you'll then find  
A change in the complexion of the mind;  
I'me beauteous in my blacknesse, O yee Sonnes  
Of Fame and Honor, through my best part runnes  
A Spring of living Waters, cleere and true,  
Found first by Knowledge, which came first by you,  
By you, and your examples, blest Commerce,  
That by Exchange settles such happinesse,  
Of Gummes and fragrant Spices, I confesse  
My Climate Heaven do's with aboundance blesse,  
And those you haue from me, but what are they  
Compar'd with Odours whose sent ne're decay,  
And those I haue from you, plants of your youth,  
The Sauour of eternall life sweet Truth,  
Exceeding all the odoriferous sent,  
That from the beds of Spices euer went:  
I that command, (being prosp'rously possesst)  
The Riches and the Sweetnesse of the East,  
To that fam'd Mountaine Taurus spreading forth  
My balmy Arme, whose height do's kisse the North,  
And in the Sea Eoum laue this band,  
Account my blessings not in those to stand,  
Though they be large and fruitfull, but confesse  
All wealth consists in Christian holynesse,  
To such caelestiall knowledge I was led;  
By English Merchants first enlightened,*



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In Honor of whose memory, onely Three  
Instance here, all of this Brotherhood free,  
To whose Fames the great Honor of this howre  
Aptly belongs, but to that Man of Power  
The first and chiefest, to whose worth so cleere,  
Iustice hath giuen her Sword up for a yeere:  
And as yo'n Sunne his perfect splendor shewes,  
Cheering the Plants; and no Cloudes interpose  
His Radiant Comforts; so no Earthy part  
Which makes Eclipses in a Rulers hart  
(As in that glorious Planet) must come nye  
The Sunne of Iustice, all such mysts must flye;  
You're in an Orbe of Brightnesse plac'd and fixt,  
And with no soyle must Honor be commixt:  
So to your worthy Progresse Zeale commends  
Your Lordship, with your Graue and Noble friends.

The Speech being ended, to adde a little more  
help to the fainter Apprehensions, the three Mer-  
chants plac'd in the Continent, haue reference to the  
Lord Maior and Sheriffes, all Three being this yeer  
Brothers of this Ancient and Honorable Society,  
which triple or three fold Honor hapned to this  
Worthy Company in the yeere 1577. Sir Thomas  
Ramsey being then Lord Maior, and Master Ni-  
cholas Backhouse and Malter Francis Bowyer, She-  
riffes; hauing cohercuce with this yeeres Honor,  
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matcht and paralell'd with these Three their as worthy Successors, the right Honorable, *Peter Proby*, and the generous and Nobly affected, Master *John Hodges*, and Sir *Humphrey Handford* Sheriffs and Aldermen.

By this time his Lordship being gracefully conducted toward the *Chariot of Fame*, which awaits his Honors approach neare the little Conduit in *Cheape*; *Antiquitie* a graue and reuerend Personage, with a golden Register-booke in his hand, giues life to these words:

## *The Speech.*

**O** *Bieets of Yeeres and Reuerence greete mine eye,  
A Sight most pleasing to Antiquitie;  
I neuer could unclaspe this Booke of Fame  
Where Worthies dwell by a distinguisht Name,  
At a more comely season; I shall tell  
Things sprung from Truth, neere kin to Miracle;  
With that of later dayes I first begin,  
So backe into the deeper Times agen:  
I onely touch Thy memory (which I know  
In thankfulnessse can neuer be found slowe)  
With Heauens miraculous Mercy, to Thy Health  
After so long a Sicknesse, all the wealth*



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Which thou with an vnusuring hand hast got  
Which is not the least wonder worthy note,  
(Truth makes me speake things frely) cannot be  
A greater work then thy recouerie,  
Nine Brethren-Senators thy Seniors all  
Whose times had beene before thee, Death did call  
To their eternall Peace, from this degree  
Leauing their earthly Honor now to thee,  
Thinke and be thankfull still, this seemes the more  
Another obseruation kept in store,  
For seuentene Senators since thy time were chose  
And to this minute not one dead of those.  
Those are not vsuall notes, nor here it endes,  
The Court and City two most Noble Friends,  
Haue made exchange alate, I reade, from hence  
There ha's gone some most worthy Citizens  
Vp to the Courts aduance; in lieu of that  
You haue a Courtier now your Magistrate,  
A Seruant to Elizabeth the blest,  
Since to K. Iames that raignes with Salomons brest.  
Kept the Records for both, from the Queene tooke  
Charge of three hundred Horse, three thousand Foote,  
Foure Attributes cleaues to this Man of Men,  
A Scholler, Souldier, Courtier, Citizen,  
These are no vsuall touches, to conclude  
(Like to his life with blessings so endude)

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*Ha's chose his Brotherhood, men of that Fame  
For Bounty, Amity and honored Name  
The City bounds transcend not in their place,  
And their word makes e'm prosper, God grant grace.  
Honor they neuer wanted, when wa'st seene  
But they had Senators to their Bretheren  
Nay, one record here to make ioy more glad,  
I finde seuentene that were in Scarlet clad  
All at one time of this Fraternitie,  
Now five, for this houres honor brings forth three,  
Fame triple will make triple vertue strue  
At whose triumphant Throne you next arive.*

For farther Illustration there are contained in *Antiquities* golden Legend, the Names of many Worthies of ancient Time, by whom this Noble Fraternity ha's receiued much honor, such as were the worthy and famous Sir Andrew Bockerell, who was Lord Maior of this City, the sixteenth yeere of King Henry the third, and continued in the Magistracie seuen yeeres together, also the Noble *Allen de la Zouch*, who for his good gouernement in the time of his Maioraty, was by King Henry the third, created both a Baron of this Realme, and Lord chiefe Iustice of England. Also that famous Worthy, Sir Thomas Knowles, twice Lord Maior of this honorable City, which said Sir Tho-



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was beganne at his owne charge that famous building of *Guild-Hall* in *London*, and other memorable workes both in the City and in his owne Company, Reedifying also *Saint Anthonies Church*; with many others that are faire Ornaments to Memory. *Viz.* *Sir William Seuenock*, *sir Robert Chichsley*, *sir Stephen Browne*, *sir Henry Keble*, *sir William Laxton*, &c. Who by those Vertues that they were most addicted vnto in their lifetime, are Illustrated by persons of Brightnesse in the *Throne of Vertue*, the next part of Triumph that presents it selfe: next beneath *Antiquitie*, sits *Authoritie*, plac'd between *Wisedome* and *Innocence*, holding a naked Sword, a Serpent wound about the Blade thereof, two Doves standing vpon the crosse Barre of the Hilt, and two hands meeting at the Pummel, intimating *Mercy* and *Iustice*, accompanied with *Magistracie*, who holdes in his hand a Key of gold, signifying both the Key of *Knowledge* and of *Confidence*, the City Magistrate taking into his trust the Custodie of the Kings Chamber, the proper Title of the City; and which Key of gold also stands in his Lordships Crest, *viz.* an *Estridge* holding a Key of gold in his Mouth, his Necke circled with a golden Crowne.

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His Lordship by this time arriuing at the *Throne of Vertue*, plac'd neere *Saint Laurence-Lane end*, Receiues this greeting from her Deitie.

### *The Speech.*

**I** See great Power approach; here makes a Stand,  
Would it with Vertue ought? for some Command  
Seemes so compleate in Selfe-Opinions Eye,  
It will scarce looke on me, but passes by;  
As if the Essence of my Deitie  
Were rais'd by Power, and not Power rais'd by me;  
But let such Rulers know that so command  
They build the Empire of their Hopes on Sand:  
Still This remaines, with Eye vpon me fixt  
As if he sought to haue His splendor mixt  
With these of mine, which makes Authoritie meekē,  
And I'me so sicke of Loue to those that seeke  
I cannot choose but yeeld; nor do's it wrong  
Great Power to come to Vertue to be strong,  
Being but a Woman, mercifull and milde,  
Therein is Heauen with greater glory stilde  
That makes weake things, as Clemencie, and Right,  
Sway Power, which would else rule all by Might:  
It maybe said you did but late passe by  
Some part of Triumph that spake Vertuously,  
And one such Speech suffices; 'tis not so  
In taking of your office, there you goe



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*From Court to Court, before You be confirm'd  
In this high place, which Prætorship is term'd;  
From Vertue, if to Vertue you resort,  
It is but the same course you haue in Court  
In setting of your Honor; which should bee  
Redoubled rather, that I hope to see:  
So Power and Vertue when they fill one Seate,  
The City's blest, the Magistrate compleate.*

At the close of the Speech, this *Throne of Vertue* with all her *Cælestiall Concomitants*, and the other parts of the Triumph, take leaue of his Lordship for that time, and till after the Feast at *Guild-Hall* rests from Seruice; but the Feast ended, the whole state of the Triumph attends vpon his Lordship, both to *Saint Pauls* and homeward; and in *Soper-Lane* two parts of the Triumph stand ready planted; *viz.* the *Throne of Vertue*, and the *Globe of Honor*, which *Globe* suddenly opening and flying into eight Cants or distinct parts, discovers in a twinckling, eight bright Personages most gloriously deckt, representing (as it were) the *Inward Man*, the Intentions of a Vertuous and Worthy Brest, by the Graces of the Minde and Soule, such as *Cleere Conscience*, *Diuine Speculation*, *Peace of Heart*, *Integritie*, *Watchfulnesse*, *AEqualitie*, *Prouidence*; *Impartialitie*, each exprest by Its proper



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per Illustration. And because Mans perfection can receiue no constant Attribute in this Life, the Cloude of Frailty, euer and anon shadowing and darkening our brightest Intentions, makes good the Morality of those Cants or Parts, when they fall and close into the full round of a *Globe* againe, showing, that as the Brightest Day ha's his ouercastings; so the best men in this life haue their Imperfections; and worldly Mists oftentimes interpose the cleereſt Cogitations, and yet that but for a season, turning in the end like the mounting of this Engine, to their euerlaſting Brightneſſe, conuerting it ſelfe to a Canopie of Starres: at the foure corners below are plac'd the foure Cardinall Vertues, *Wiſedome*, *Iuſtice*, *Fortitude* and *Temperance*, by each of them fixt a little Streamer or Banner, in which are diſplayed, the Armes of this Honorable City, the Lord *Maiores*, the *Grocers*, and the Noble *East-India* Companies: The out-parts of the *Globe* ſhewing the Worlds Type, in Countries, Seas and Shipping, whereon is depicted or drawne Ships that haue bene fortunate to this Kingdome, by their happy and ſucceſſefull Voyages; as alſo that proſperous Plantation in the Colonie of *Virginia*, and the *Bermudaes*, with all good wiſhes to the Gouvernors, Traders and Aduenturers vnto thoſe Chriſtianly Reformed Iſlands.



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The Speech at Night, presented by Honor,  
A Personage mounted on the top of this  
Vnparalel'd Master-piece of Inuention and  
Art, the Globe or Orbe of Honor.

Honor.

**B**R Vertue you came last, and who brings home  
True Honor, must by Vertue alwayes come,  
The right Path you haue tooke then, still proceede,  
For it's Continuance crownes each worthy Deede:  
Behold this Globe of Honor; euery Part  
It is compos'd of, to a Noble Hart  
Applies Instruction; when it's clos'd and round  
It represents the World, and all that's found  
Within the labouring Circle of Mans Dayes,  
Aduentures, Dangers, Cares, and steepie Wayes;  
Which when a Wise-man thinkes on, strait he mounts  
To Heauenly Cogitations, and accounts  
The vexing Spirite of Care and Labour vaine:  
Lifting himselfe to his full height againe:  
And as this Engine do's in eight Parts rise  
Discovering eight Bright Figures, so the Wise  
From this Lifes slumber rowz'd, (which Time deludes,)  
Opens his Heart to eight Beatitudes:  
And as I (Honor) ouertopping All,  
Here fixe my Foote on this Orbicular Ball,

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*Ouer the World expressing my Command  
As I in this Contemptuous Posture stand:  
So every good and vnderstanding Spirit  
Makes but Vse onely of this Life, t<sup>e</sup> inherit  
A n euerlasting Liuing; making Friends  
Of Mammons Heapes, got by vnrighteous Ends,  
Which happy Thou standst free from, the more white  
Sits Honor on thee, and the Cost more bright  
Thy Noble Brotherhood this Day bestowes;  
Expence is grac'd when Substance follow Showes,  
Now to no higher Pitch of Praise I'll come,  
Loue brought thee forth, and Honor brings thee home.*

**F**Or the body of the whole Triumph, with all  
the proper Graces and Ornaments of Art and  
Workemanship, the Reputation of those, rightly  
appertaine to the deserts of Master Garret Crismas,  
an Exquisite Master in his Art, and a Performer  
aboue his Promises.

*FINIS.*